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Introduction:

- The improper sitting of entertainment establishments such as nightclubs operating up to the late hours of the night coupled with poor building sound-proofing to contain the loud noise therein cause disturbance to any adjacent residential premises.
- Dubai Local Order No. 61/1991 requires that any noise should not interfere with the peace, comfort and convenience of any person. This guideline sets out the control of noise from entertainment premises.

Guidelines:

1. Noise from any form of entertainment must comply with the Article 75, of the Local Order No. 61/91. The noise level when measured outside the boundary of the premises should not exceed 55 db(A) during the period 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. and 45 db(A) during the period 8:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M.
2. Popular celebration in public holidays or official days shall be exempted from the requirements of the above mentioned article during such periods only.
3. Entertainment premises must not be located adjacent to any residential premises.
4. Entertainment premises shall adopt the best effective means to contain the loud noise inside. Proper sound proofing of the building shall be done to eliminate migration of loud noise.
5. Entertainment premises shall provide customers parking area away from adjacent residential premises. The car park area must not be closer than 50 meters from the residential premises.
6. Private celebrations e.g. parties or gatherings which are held in open spaces or courts shall not be allowed after 10:00 P.M. unless approved by the Health and Safety Department. Amplified music or speech shall cover only the entire perimeter of the court.
7. A sound level limiting electronic circuit should be incorporated in the amplifier to control the signal amplitude to a fixed level regardless of the loudness of music or speech. Once the control had been set to correct position, it should be secured with fixed metal plates.
8. The loudspeaker system shall be placed in such a manner that the device does not point towards any wall that contains an uninsulated window or entrance to the premises.
9. Noise from any entertainment premises must not be audible inside a residential dwelling during normal sleeping hours e.g. 10:00 P.M. - 6:00 A.M.

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